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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically black colleges and universities.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Historically Black Col-  
5       leges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and  
6       Preservation Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8       Congress finds that—

9               (1) the Nation’s historically black colleges and  
10       universities have contributed significantly to the ef-  
11       fort to attain equal opportunity through postsecond-

1       ary education for African-American, low-income, and  
2       educationally disadvantaged Americans;

3           (2) over our Nation's history, States and the  
4       Federal Government have discriminated in the allo-  
5       cation of land and financial resources to support  
6       these institutions, thus forcing them to rely on the  
7       generous support of private individuals and other  
8       charitable organizations;

9           (3) the development of this source of private  
10      and charitable financial support for historically black  
11      colleges and universities has resulted in structures  
12      and buildings of historic importance and  
13      architecturally unique design on the campuses of  
14      these institutions; and

15          (4) many of these structures and buildings are  
16      national treasures worthy of preservation and res-  
17      toration for future generations of all Americans as  
18      well as for the students and faculty of these institu-  
19      tions.

20   **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS FOR**  
21                   **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT HISTORICALLY**  
22                   **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

23      (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—From the  
24      amounts made available to carry out the National Historic  
25      Preservation Act for the fiscal years 1995 through 1998,

1 the Secretary of the Interior shall make grants in accord-  
2 ance with this section to eligible historically black colleges  
3 and universities for the preservation and restoration of  
4 historic buildings and structures on the campus of these  
5 institutions.

6 (b) GRANT CONDITIONS.—Grants made under sub-  
7 section (a) shall be subject to the condition that the  
8 grantee covenants, for the period of time specified by the  
9 Secretary, that—

10 (1) no alteration will be made in the property  
11 with respect to which the grant is made without the  
12 concurrence of the Secretary; and

13 (2) reasonable public access to the property  
14 with respect to which the grant is made will be per-  
15 mitted by the grantee for interpretive and edu-  
16 cational purposes.

17 (c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND  
18 STRUCTURES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF  
19 HISTORIC PLACES.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph  
20 (2), the Secretary may obligate funds made available  
21 under this section for a grant with respect to a building  
22 or structure listed on the National Register of Historic  
23 Places only if the grantee agrees to match, from funds  
24 derived from non-Federal sources, the amount of the grant  
25 with an amount that is equal or greater than the grant.

1       (2) The Secretary may waive paragraph (1) with re-  
2 spect to a grant if the Secretary determines from cir-  
3 cumstances that an extreme emergency exists or that such  
4 a waiver is in the public interest to assure the preservation  
5 of historically significant resources.

6       (d) FUNDING PROVISIONS.—(1) Not more than  
7 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1995 and not more than  
8 \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, and  
9 1998 may be made available under this section.

10       (2) Of the amounts made available under this section  
11 for fiscal year 1995, \$5,000,000 shall be available only  
12 for grants under subsection (a) to Fisk University.

13       (3) Of the amounts made available under this section  
14 for fiscal year 1995, \$10,000,000 shall be available only  
15 for grants under subsection (a) to those historically black  
16 colleges and universities identified for inclusion in the De-  
17 partment of the Interior Historically Black College and  
18 University Historic Preservation Initiative.

19       (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate  
20 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this  
21 Act.

22 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

23       For the purposes of this Act:

24               (1) The term “historically black colleges and  
25 universities” has the same meaning given the term

(2) The term “historic building and structures” means a building or structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark.

Passed the House of Representatives November 23,  
(legislative day, November 22), 1993.

Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSON,  
*Clerk.*